TECHGIRLS PROGRAM
A PROGRAM FOR TEENAGE GIRLS WITH ADVANCED SKILLS IN TECHNOLOGY

Summer 2013 Application

What is TechGirls?

The Public Affairs Section is pleased to announce TechGirls, an exchange program in English for female secondary school students who have demonstrated advanced skills in and enthusiasm for applied technology and who intend to pursue continued studies and a likely future career in a technical field.

TechGirls will bring two to five teenage girls to the United States on June 25 to July 18, 2013 for a 24-day exchange program focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. Activities will include hands-on classes, labs, individual- or team-based projects, mentoring experiences, job shadowing, site visits to high tech companies and interaction with American peers. The program will be intensive, academic and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are interested in developing their technology and leadership skills in order to become future leaders and experts in the field of technology in their home countries.

The goals of TechGirls are:

- To provide an intensive program of academic study
- To empower girls to pursue higher education and careers in technology
- To link peers who share interests and abilities and,
- To develop the leadership skills of the participants.

TechGirls applicants must:

- Be secondary school students between the ages of 15 and 17 (first and second year secondary school)
- Have demonstrated advanced skills in and enthusiasm for technology, engineering, and/or math inside and outside the classroom
- Intend to pursue higher education and a career in technology
- Have strong English language skills
- Be excited about learning and exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness
- Have one year secondary school studies remaining upon their return to their home country

How do I apply?

Application Information

➢ Download the application from http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html
➢ Deadline to turn in the application is at 1700, **25 February 2013**
  o Submitted electronically to PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov
  o Please send a scanned copy of your last academic transcripts along with your application
  o Write in the subject of your application's email: **YOUR NAME – TechGirls 2013**

Important: Please be informed that only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview

Finalists:

➢ Will be invited to an interview in March 2013
➢ Must bring a printed and signed copy of their application to the interview
➢ Must bring copies of their academic transcripts to the interview
➢ Must bring a copy of their passport, if available, to the interview

For more information contact the Public Affairs Office by email: PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov